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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

This is the second office action for application number 10/784,390, Extending Base for Portable Computer, filed on February 23, 2004.

Drawings

The drawings were received on May 4, 2005. Figures 1 and 4 of the drawings are acceptable.

The drawings are objected to because in Fig. 7, the guiding element (222) on the left side of the figure needs to be drawn to show that it is removably connected to the detachable cover and guiding block (223) needs to be shown that it is removably connected to the detachable cover, currently these elements appear to be formed as one piece with the detachable cover. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are

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not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The limitation of "a latch connected with said sliding structure and protrudent out of said detachable cover for accepting said external force" cited in both claims is not taught nor shown in the specification or drawings. The specification and drawings teach/show that the latch (element 28, Fig. 6) is protrudent out of the bottom side of the base body (element 20) not the top side of the detachable cover.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6 and 8-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 17, 18, and 20-23 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed May 4, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The 112 1st paragraph rejection, in regards to claim 2 stands.

In response to applicant's argument in regards to the rejection under 35 USC 112 1st paragraph, the specification on page 11, paragraph 43, lines 3-5 state that the latch (28) Fig. 6 is protrudent out of the detachable cover (22) for accepting an external force, however, this is not shown in the drawings, the drawings show in Fig. 6 that the latch (28) protrudes from the bottom side of the base body (20) and thus, it is not understood how the latch can protrude from the detachable cover when the detachable cover is mounted on the top surface of the base body and the sliding structure actuated by the latch is mounted within the base body (Fig. 4). Applicant is suggested to change "said detachable cover" in line 12 of claims 1 and 19 to --said base body--.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of


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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anita M. King whose telephone number is (571) 272-6817. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

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